

House Resolution 876

By: Representative Reese of the 98th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and remembering the life of James Burnette, Sr.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has lost one of its most distinguished citizens with the
3 passing of James Burnette, Sr.; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Burnette was the longest-serving member of the Suwanee City Council in
5 the history of the city, providing his tireless leadership for more than 32 outstanding years;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, when he initially joined the Suwanee City Council in 1964, the city contained
8 a population of approximately 600, and when he retired in 1995, Suwanee had increased its
9 population to more than 4,500; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Burnette led by example and preferred to be personally involved in all of
11 his projects, and he was often spotted performing road maintenance with his own equipment,
12 helping with the installation of water lines, testing and treating water supplies, and reading
13 water meters on a monthly basis; and

14 WHEREAS, as chairman of the Water Department, he was instrumental in the extension of
15 and maintenance of Suwanee's water system throughout the 1960's and beyond; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Burnette worked for the General Motors Assembly Plant for 30 years, and
17 he was an esteemed World War II veteran, a member of the Buford Masonic Lodge Number
18 292, and a charter member of Shadowbrook Baptist Church; and

19 WHEREAS, he knew no greater pleasure than serving his neighbors, and he is followed in
20 public service by his son Jimmy Burnette, who was elected to the city council in 1996 and
21 currently serves as the Suwanee Mayor Pro Tempore; and

1 WHEREAS, in life he commanded the esteem of his fellow Georgians; at his death it is
2 fitting and proper that we offer our sympathies to his family and friends.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
4 the members of this body honor the inspiring life of James Burnette, Sr., express their
5 deepest regret at his passing, and extend their most sincere condolences to his family

6 BE I FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
7 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of James
8 Burnette, Sr.